

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of mitigating or preventing substrate discoloring effects when impregnating a porous inorganic substrate ~~substrates, by first comprising,~~

~~applying to the target~~ a primer to the substrate surface ~~a primer composition,~~  
drying and curing the primer system,

wherein the primer is applied at a rate of from 25 to 200 g/m<sup>2</sup> and dried and cured at a temperature of from 5 to 60°C and at a relative atmospheric humidity of from 0% to 90%,

wherein the substrate surface, as a result of the primer application, drying and curing, acquires ~~acquiring~~ hydrophobic and oleophobic properties such that a drop of water applied thereto evaporates before it penetrates into the substrate, and a drop of n-decane likewise applied thereto and left to act for 30 seconds can be removed, without the either of the drops leaving dark spots on the substrate surface, and

~~then-carrying out the impregnation, thereby preventing or mitigating substrate~~  
discoloration during impregnation.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein [[a]]  
the primer is used which comprises at least one fluorofunctional component.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein  
[[a]] the primer is used which comprises at least one fluoroalkylsilyl-functional component.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 any one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 3~~, wherein ~~[[a]] the primer is used which~~ comprises at least one cocondensate of  
at least one fluoroalkyl-functional silane and at least one aminoalkyl-functional silane.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 any one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 4~~, wherein ~~[[a]] the primer is used which~~ comprises at least one fluoroalkyl-  
modified acrylate polymer.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 any one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 5~~, wherein ~~[[a]] the primer is used which~~ comprises at least one fluorofunctional  
acrylic copolymer.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 any one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 6~~, wherein concentrated active substance systems or ~~those~~ concentrated active  
substance systems diluted with water, ~~and/or alcohol, or water and alcohol~~ are used as  
primers.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 any one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 7~~, wherein ~~[[a]] the primer is used which has~~ comprises a fluorofunctional active  
substance content of from 0.5% to 30% by weight.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]] The method as claimed in claim 1 any one of~~  
~~claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the primer is applied by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the primer system is dried and cured for at least 4 hours before the impregnation is ~~applied~~ carried out.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~, wherein the carrying out the impregnation comprises applying an impregnating composition ~~is applied~~ by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The method as claimed in claim 11 ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~, wherein the impregnating composition is applied by spraying, and wherein the spraying comprises ~~of the compositions employed here is carried out by the~~ an airless or HVLP process.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~The use~~ method of claim 1, wherein the primer comprises ~~[[of]]~~ fluoroalkyl-modified and/or fluorofunctional acrylate systems or fluoroalkyl-/aminoalkyl-/alkoxy- and/or hydroxy-functional siloxane systems or fluoroalkyl-functional silane and/or siloxane systems or mixtures of at least two of the aforementioned substances or solutions thereof in water, alcohol and/or solvents ~~as primers for preventing substrate discoloring effects in the case of architectural preservation by impregnation as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 12.~~

Claim 14 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the method is a method of preventing.

Claim 15 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein the method is a method of mitigating.

Claim 16 (New): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the carrying out the impregnation comprises applying an impregnating composition by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.

Claim 17 (New): The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the carrying out the impregnation comprises applying an impregnating composition by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.

Claim 18 (New): The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the carrying out the impregnation comprises applying an impregnating composition by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.

Claim 19 (New): The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the carrying out the impregnation comprises applying an impregnating composition by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.

Claim 20 (New): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the carrying out the impregnation comprises applying an impregnating composition by spraying, brushing, rolling or knife coating.